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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Don WILSON, Jr. and Bryan D. KNODEL for Endoscopic Clip Applier and Method.

Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure \_ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

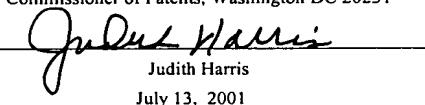
27 sheet(s) of  formal  informal drawing(s);

a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365  is hereby made to \_ filed in \_ on \_;

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An  executed  unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)  also is enclosed  will follow.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	Fee
Basic Application Fee					(101) \$ 710.00
Total Claims	24	MINUS 20 =	4	x \$18 = (103)	72.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$80 = (102)	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					0
Total Application Fee					782.00
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Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed					0
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